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- Q. Please refer to section six on pages two and three of the Petition. Can the Company exercise its right to reduce its MDTQ by 50% of the original contract quantity in year 13 if it does not elect to reduce its MDTQ in year eleven?
- A. Yes. Under the terms of the Precedent Agreement, as reflected in section six of the Petition, the opportunities for the Company to reduce the MDQ are stand alone options. These options to reduce the MDQ are not intended to be interdependent or chronological.